made there of during the last three years are indicated below:—

Year	Proposals received	Proposals sanctioned	Proposals disbursed
1995-96	33475	27576	28187
1996-97	27174	23884	24417
1997-98	15190	11013	15405

(c) and (d) Details of the recovery for these schemes and the comparative figures of other banks operating in West Bengal are given below:

(Rs. in lakhs)

Year	Percentage of recovery	
	United Bank of India (UBI)	All banks in West Bengal including UBI
1995-96	35	23
1996-97	33.5	24.6
1997-98	23.26	22.6

Tariff on imports of Steel

74. SHRI SITARAM KESRI: Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether there is any proposal to raise tariff on imports of steel to help the sulking indigenous steel industry; and

(b) if so, what are the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF FINANCE (BANKING, REVENUE AND INSURANCE) (SHRI KADAMBUR M.R. JANARTHANAN): (a) and (b) In view of the ensuing budget, no details can be disclosed at this stage.

Harassment of Exporters

75. SHRI SURYABHAN PATIL VAHADANE: Will the Ministerr of FINANCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have received complaints of harassment of exporters by concerned Government authorities;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) the revenue collected from Export of various goods during the last three years ending 31st October, 1998; and

(d) the steps taken by Government for stoppage of this harassment?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF FINANCE (BANKING, REVENUE AND INSURANCE) (SHRI KADAMBUR M.R. JANARTHANAN): (a), (b) and (d) The Government have been receivng representation and complaints from exporters and their associations relating to delay in clearance of export goods at the port of export, lower rates of duty drawback, delay in settlement of drawback claims and inconveniences and procedural complexities, lack of credit facilities etc., for the exporters. The problem of exporters are examined in Regional Advisory Committees of the Custom Houses, the open House organised by the Export Promotion Councils and remedial action is taken. To expedite decisions an "Export Promotion Board" has been set up under the chairmanship of Cabinet Secretary with secretaries of other Ministries as members which meets regularly to take decisions on individual issues. The Export Promotion Board takes decision on the problems of the exporters pertaining to all Ministries of the Government of India. The implementation of the decisions, in a time bound manner, is monitored by the said Export Promotion Board.

(c) The revenue collected from export of various goods during the last three years ending 31st October, 1998 is as under:—

	95-96	96-97	97-98	98-99 Upto October
Net Exp. duty (Rs. Cr.)	0.71	2.21	1.39	1.69
Net Cess on exports (Rs. Cr.)	110.11	135.23	131.40	
	110.82	137.4	132.79	

Global bid for Disinvestment in PSUs

76. SHRI E. BALANANDAN: Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether any global bid has been called by Government for disinvestment of its stakes in PSUs; and

(b) if so, for how many PSUs such bids have been called and with what result?

THE MINISTER OF FINANCE (SHRI YASHWANT SINHA): (a) and (b) During